

Senate Bill 348

By: Senator Lucas of the 26th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of County Commissioners of Hancock County, approved  
2 October 5, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 435), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4328), so as to change the description of the commissioner  
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office  
5 of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a Board of County Commissioners of Hancock County, approved  
10 October 5, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 435), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
11 May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4328), is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of  
12 Section II as follows:

13 "(b) For the purpose of electing members of the board other than the chairperson, Hancock  
14 County shall be divided into four commissioner districts. Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3,  
15 and 4 shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in Appendix A  
16 attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: SD26 Plan Name:

17 HancockCCSB-2025 Plan Type: Local'. The chairperson shall be elected by the electors  
18 of the entire county.

19 (c)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

20 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
21 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
22 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
23 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual  
24 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
25 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

26 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the  
27 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical  
28 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial  
29 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

30 (2) Any part of Hancock County which is not included in any district described in  
31 subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
32 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census  
33 of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

34 (3) Any part of Hancock County which is described in subsection (b) of this section as  
35 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
36 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall  
37 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least  
38 population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of  
39 Georgia."

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## SECTION 2.

41 (a) Those members of the Board of County Commissioners of Hancock County who are  
42 serving as such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in

43 any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their  
44 respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective  
45 successors.

46 (b) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as they exist immediately prior to the effective  
47 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4,  
48 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this  
49 Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be  
50 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described  
51 under this Act.

52 **SECTION 3.**

53 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

54 **SECTION 4.**

55 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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APPENDIX A

57 User: SD26

58 Plan Name: HancockCCSB-2025

59 Plan Type: Local

60 District 001

61 County Hancock GA

62 VTD DEVEREUX FIRE STATION

63 Block 480300

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70 1105 1112 1113 1114 1115 1116 1124 1125 1126 1140 1141 1142

71 1143 1145 1146 1147 1149 1150 1151 1154 1155 1156 1157 1173

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73 VTD SECOND BEULAH

74 Block 480300

75 1122 1123

76 Block 480400

77 5018 5019 5026 5027 5045 5046

78 VTD ST. MARK

79 District 002  
 80 County Hancock GA  
 81 VTD COURTHOUSE  
 82 Block 480400  
 83 2045 2046 2047 2048 2049 2050 2051 2052 2065 2066 2067 2068  
 84 2069 2071 2077 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008  
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 86 5000 5001 5002 5023  
 87 VTD DEVEREUX FIRE STATION  
 88 Block 480300  
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 90 VTD SECOND BEULAH  
 91 Block 480300  
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 97 Block 480400  
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 102 District 003  
 103 County Hancock GA  
 104 VTD DEVEREUX FIRE STATION

105 Block 480300  
106 1004 1005 1010 1011 1012 1013 1034 1035 1036 1037 1038 1039  
107 1049 1050 1051 1174  
108 VTD MAYFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER  
109 VTD POWER OF GOD  
110 VTD WARREN CHAPEL  
  
111 District 004  
112 County Hancock GA  
113 VTD COURTHOUSE  
114 Block 480400  
115 2053 2054 2055 2056 2062 2063 2064 2070 2072 2073 2074 2075  
116 2076 2078 2079  
117 VTD SECOND DARRIEN  
118 VTD SPARTA 4C  
119 VTD YOUTH CENTER  
120 Block 480300  
121 2000  
122 Block 480400  
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